

Fleet, had It not been for two of the Englishmen ; and therefore he would hang him ! "

The other Admiral, with many Mr words, persuaded him to the contrary.

When we came In the height [*latitude*] of Bermuda, we discovered a monster In the sea, who shewed himself three times unto us, from the middle upwards; in which parts he was proportioned like a man, of the complexion of a Mulatto or tawny Indian. The General did command one of his clerks to put it In writing; and he certified the King and his nobles thereof.

Presently after this, for the space of sixteen days, we had wonderful[ly] foul weather: and then GOD sent us a fair wind, until such time, as we discovered the island called Fayal.

On St. James's day (*25th July*), we made rockets, wheels, and other fireworks, to make pastime that night, as It is the order of the Spaniards.

When we came near the land, our Master, ROBERT BARRET, conferred with us to take the pinnacle one night, when we came near the Island called Terceira, to free ourselves from the danger and bondage that we were going Into : wherexmto we agreed. None had any pinnacle astern then, but our ship ; which gave great courage to our enterprise. We prepared a bag of bread and a *botijo* [jar] of water, which would have served us nine days: and provided ourselves to go.

Our Master borrowed a small compass of the Master Gunner of the ship, who lent it him; but suspected his intent, and closely [*secretly*] made the General privy to it: who, for a time, dissembled the matter.

In the end, seeing our pretense [*design*]; he called ROBERT BARRET, commanding his head to be put In the stocks, and a great pair of iron bolts on his legs : and the rest of us to be put in the stocks by the legs.

Then he willed a piece to be shot off and he sent the pinnacle for the other Admiral and all the Captains, Masters, and Pilots of both Fleets to come aboard of him. He commanded the mainyard to be struck down; and to put two pullies, on every yard arm one. The hangman was called,